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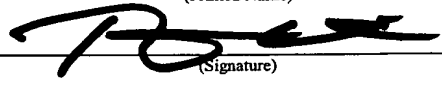
**Title:** IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR  
RECORDING PROGRAM TO  
IMPLEMENT THE IMAGE  
RETRIEVING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 8, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: